

To Members of the California State Assembly:

As an animal lover I have supported strong animal welfare laws and provided funding to ensure the humane treatment of animals.

Assembly Bill 2862 requires the Department of Consumer Affairs to develop statewide regulations for the housing of animals in pet stores and retail outlets. The bill mandates the creation of a state program without providing the authority or funding source to develop or enforce the new laws. The Department is funded by the licensing fees of the professionals it regulates, such as doctors, dentists and accountants. It is not legal for the Department to use these license fees to implement or enforce this bill.

For these reasons, I am unable to sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger